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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MMOL, US, SF  
SUBJECT: ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

REF: STATE 165351,

1. THE EMBASSY HAS NO SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON THE SADF ARMS INVENTORY OTHER THAN DAO, WHOSE LATEST ESTIMATE IS CONTAINED IN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY OF JUNE 1977 (DDI-2680-104-77). THAT DOCUMENT INDICATES NONE OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF C-130'S, IS IN THE HANDS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY.

2. SINCE THE DAO HAS ONLY LIMITED ACCESS TO SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, WE CANNOT BE WHOLLY CONFIDENT DAO INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. MOREOVER, WE HAVE TO RECKON WITH THE FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICA COULD HAVE ACQUIRED SOME OF THE LISTED EQUIPMENT FROM ARMS DEALERS OUTSIDE THE US AND BEYOND OUR CONTROL OR OBSERVATION. NOR DO WE KNOW WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING TO THE ALLEGATION  
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THAT PERSONNEL CARRIERS OR SELF-PROPELLED GUNS HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED IN THIRD COUNTRIES BASED ON US LICENSES, THOUGH WE PRESUME THIS CAN BE CHECKED IN WASHINGTON.

3. ARMY ATTACHE COL. WILLIAM BOURNES, THE OFFICER MOST FAMILIAR WITH THE SADF EQUIPMENT INVENTORY, IS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON. THE DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH HIM IN

PREPARATION OF TESTIMONY FOR RESPONSE TO GERVASI.  
COL. BOURNES CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH DIA.  
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